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SUBJ: KUWAIT PETROCHEMICALS PROJECT

REF: A) KUWAIT 1933 B) KUWAIT 2109 (NOTAL) C) STATE 119024
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1. DIFFICULT ADVISE WHEN CONTINENTAL REP SHOULD VISIT
KUWAIT BUT ON BALANCE SUGGEST HE TRY TO COME DURING
FIRST HALF JULY. TWO SETS OF PROBLEMS COMPLICATE
ISSUE. ONE IS EVOLUTION OF PROJECT WHILE OTHER IS PRESENCE
OF KEY OFFICIALS IN KUWAIT.

2. AS NOTED REF A, NOT CLEAR HOW PROJECT WILL EVOLVE.
ONE GROUP OF OFFICIALS BELIEVES GOK SHOULD INITIALLY
FIND JOINT VENTURE PARTNER AND VARIATION OF THIS
THEME IS THAT PROJECT SHOULD BE HANDED OVER TO
KUWAITI
PRIVATE SECTOR. SOME KUWAITI ENTREPRENEURS HAVE ALREADY
APPROACHED PRIME MINISTER TO GAIN HIS APPROVAL. WHICH

UNLIKELY WHOLE PROJECT WILL
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BE GIVEN TO PRIVATE SECTOR,
IT POSSIBLE THAT EVENTUALLY MIXED COMPANY COULD BE FORMED.

3. SECOND AND PROBABLY MORE POWERFUL GROUP WANTS FULL
FEASIBILITY STUDY OR MORE PRECISELY DEVELOPMENT OF AN
IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM DONE FIRST. WE UNDERSTAND FRENCH
PETROLEUM INSTITUTE HAS INSIDE TRACK TO BE SELECTED
TO PREPARE THIS REPORT. FYI ORIGINAL PRE- FEASIBILITY
STUDY WAS DONE
BY FRENCH FIRM, SODETER. END FYI.
PURPOSE OF IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM WOULD BE TO ZERO IN
ON PROCESSED AND MARKETING ASPECTS THIS PROJECT.

4. RE PRESENCE OF KEY OFFICIALS AND BUSINESSMEN
SEVERAL PLANNING LEAVE SOON ON SUMMER VACATION. IN

ANY CASE, IT IMPOSSIBLE TELL WHEN KEY OFFICIALS
SUCH AS MADDOO OR PLANNING BOARD DIRECTOR DUAJI WILL
BE IN TOWN, SINCE THEY TRAVEL OFTEN WITH LITTLE ADVANCE
NOTICE.

ALSO SHOULD NOTE EMBOFF MOST KNOWLEDGEABLE
THIS MATTER PLANNING BE OUTSIDE KUWAIT DURING LATTER HALF
JULY AND EARLY AUGUST.

5. GIVEN FLUIDITY CURRENT SITUATION AND DIFFICULTY

KNOWING JUST WHEN ALL KEY INDIVIDUALS WILL BE HERE,
WE RECOMMEND THAT CONTINENTAL
AND OTHER INTERESTED
FIRMS HAVE THEIR REPS VISIT KUWAIT DURING FIRST HALF
JULY TO INTRODUCE THEMSELVES, MEET THOSE KEY PEOPLE

WHO WILL BE HERE AND TO MAKE ON- THE- SCENE ASSESSMENT.
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